

Remarks

By the above Amendment, the specification has been amended (at page 1 lines 3-4) to acknowledge issuance of U.S. Patent No. 6,779,288 from Application Serial No. 10/447,874, of which the present application is a continuation-in-part.

In the Office Action dated August 17, 2004, Claims 1-46 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in connection with claims appearing in then-pending Patent Application No. 10/447,874, now U.S. Patent No. 6,779,288.

Submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to obviate the double patenting rejection of applicants' claims in the present application in connection with claims appearing in U.S. Patent No. 6,779,288. The present application and U.S. Patent No. 6,779,288 are commonly owned, as shown in the records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, assignments of the entire interest of such application and patent having been recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on 1/22/2004 at Reel/Frame 014929/0778 (2 pages) and on 12/3/2003 at Reel/Frame 014748/0834 (3 pages), respectively. The filing of this terminal disclaimer should not be construed as an admission that the present claims are not patentably distinct over the claims of Patent 6,779,288.

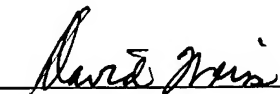
The assignee's "Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b)" is also enclosed.

The fee for filing the enclosed terminal disclaimer in the amount of \$55 is enclosed herewith; applicants and applicants' assignee assert small entity status. If the amount enclosed is deficient in any manner, the Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0822 for any such deficiencies.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that the double patenting rejection has been obviated, and applicants request issuance of a Notice of Allowance as to all claims in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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